

COUNTY OF RAVALLI



July 30, 20007

Clay Dethlefsen, Streamside Setback Committee Chair
415 W. Main Street
Hamilton, MT. 59840

Dear Clay;

On Thursday, July 26, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners met for an update on Planning Department activities. The Planning Staff requested guidance on behalf of the Streamside Setback Committee (SSC) as to a general time frame for completing the final streamside setback proposal, and whether the SSC should examine emergency interim zoning to address immediate concerns surrounding streamside development.

There was general consensus among the Commissioners present that interim zoning would be an appropriate measure to curtail the potential proliferation of streamside construction that may occur prior to the adoption of permanent setbacks.

We have set a target date of September 7, 2007, for the SSC to adopt an interim zoning proposal. The SSC's adoption of an interim proposal would be followed by a Planning Staff review and a public review prior to the Planning Board and Commissioner's review.

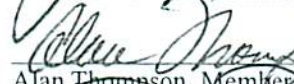
We have also agreed on a target date of July 1, 2008, for the SSC's adoption of a proposal for permanent setback regulations, to be followed by staff and public review.


While we recognize meeting these target dates will be no small task, we also believe we have entrusted these responsibilities to a group of highly talented and dedicated individuals. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of every member of this important committee.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


James E. Rokosch, Chairman


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Alan Thompson, Member


Greg Chilcott, Member


Kathleen Driscoll, Member

CC: Shaun Morrell, Planning Department